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USPTO GROUP ART 3637

Re.: CARROLL, Serial No.: 09/773,352

2. (Amended) [The anchor of claim 1,] An anchor for providing an attachment point on a building structure, comprising:

a center shaft having a tensile strength of at least about 5000 pounds, the shaft having an attachment end for coupling a fall restraint thereto and a piercing end adapted to pierce through the building structure, wherein the piercing end terminates in a point or knife edge;

a collar axially repositionable in both directions along an axis of the shaft;

a first member pivotally coupled to the center shaft;

a spring biasing the first member away from the center shaft; and

a second member pivotally coupled to the center shaft, wherein the first member and the second member are rotatable between a first position proximate the shaft and a second position away from the shaft, and are fixed in angular orientation about a centerline of the center shaft.

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 28, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2003 (Paper No. 8), having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 28, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees necessary to make this response timely and acceptable to the office.

IN THE CLAIMS

A) Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-16 and 18-22 without prejudice.

B) Please replace the indicated claims as follows:

17. (Amended) An anchor for providing an attachment point on a building structure, comprising:

a center shaft having a tensile strength of at least about 5000 pounds, the shaft having an attachment end for coupling a fall restraint thereto and a